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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/07

SPONSOR Miera LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1042

SHORT TITLE UNM Drug Counselor Internship Initiatives SB _____

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$54.975	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1042 appropriates \$54,975 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (LADAC) internship initiative.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$54,975 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 08 shall revert to the General Fund.

HED maintains that this proposal was submitted to the Department by UNM in the amount of \$50,000 but was not included in their funding recommendation for FY 08.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED furnished information that, per the UNM 2007 State Legislative Priorities document, \$53,275 of this allocation would be used for personnel and the remaining \$1,700 would be

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devoted to expenses. HED reports that one half-time lecturer would be hired to coordinate the practicum component of the B.A. program offered in Psychology for Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. According to information from UNM websites, employment for substance abuse counselors in New Mexico is projected to grow 29.4% by 2012.

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